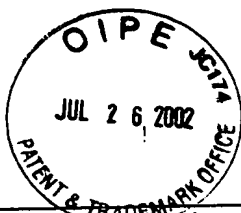


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International application No. <b>PCT/EP 00/ 08837</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>11/09/2000</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>23/09/1999</b>
Applicant <b>MERCK PATENT GMBH</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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## 1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**HEPARANASE-2, A MEMBER OF THE HEPARANASE PROTEIN FAMILY**

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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